PASHAK DRAIN DRAINAGE BOARD

NOTICE OF DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING TO ADD COUNTY TO A DRAINAGE DISTRICT

DATE:

Wednesday, June 22, 2022

TIME:

2:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

Larkin Charter Township Hall

3016 N. Jefferson Road Midland, Michigan 48642

QUESTIONS:

(989) 895-4290 (Bay)

(989) 832-6770 (Midland)

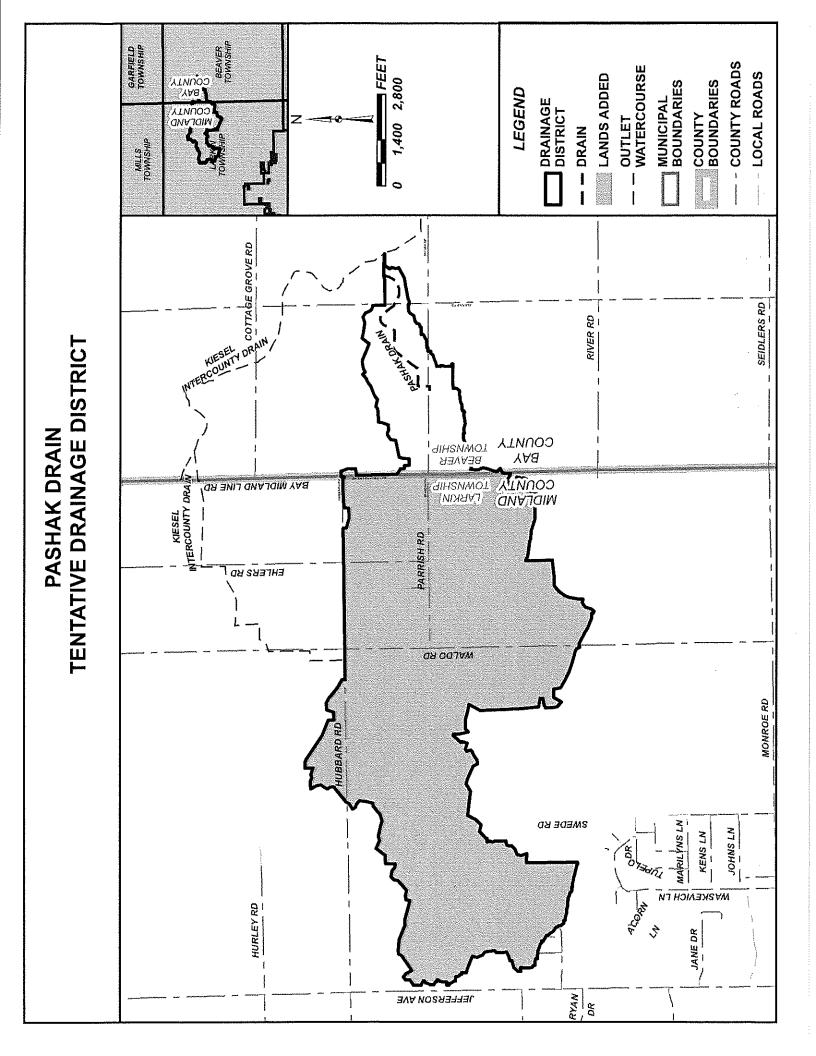
This meeting is an opportunity to review the addition of Midland County to the existing Pashak Drain Drainage District. The Drainage District currently consists of lands located solely in Bay County.

At the meeting, the Drainage Board, which for purposes of this meeting shall include the Bay County Drain Commissioner, the Midland County Drain Commissioner, and a deputy for the Director of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, shall consider any evidence offered and determine whether the addition of Midland County to the Pashak Drain Drainage District is just and equitable.

Proceedings conducted at this meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. All persons owning lands in the Drainage District or proposed revised Drainage District liable to assessment for benefits and any municipality affected may appear for or against the addition of the County.

A map depicting the proposed addition of Midland County to the Drainage District can be found enclosed with this notice, as well as on the Bay County Drain Commissioner's website at: https://www.baycounty-mi.gov/DrainCommissioner/Meeting-Notices.aspx and Midland County's website at: https://co.midland.mi.us. Questions may be asked prior to the meeting by calling (989) 895-4290 (Bay) or 989-832-6770 (Midland). All written public comments received prior to the day of the meeting will be made part of the public record for the Pashak Drain Drainage Board Meeting.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.



FAQS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS about a Drainage Board Meeting to Add a County to a Drainage District

What is a Drainage District?

A drainage district is the land area that benefits from the drain. The drainage district makes up the watershed that contributes water to the drain. Each property and municipality within the drainage district pays for maintenance and improvement of the drain.

What does it mean to add a county to a Drainage District?

The Michigan Legislature passed a law in 2017 to allow lands to be added to a drainage district that would result in the addition of a county to a Drainage District.

This means that it has been determined that lands from a county that is not currently included in the Drainage District contribute water to the Drain.

The purpose of the Drainage Board Meeting to Add a County to a Drainage District is to add a county to the Drainage District to ensure the Drainage District boundaries accurately reflect the current watershed of the drain.

What happens after a county is added?

After the Drainage Board meeting is held and a decision has been made to add a county to the Drainage District, each Drain Commissioner must then hold a Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries in their respective counties where the specific revisions to the Drainage District boundaries in each county can be reviewed with Drain Office staff.

You will receive a separate notice for the Day of Review of Drainage District Boundaries.

A map depicting the proposed boundary revisions will be sent along with the notice.

Why did I receive a notice?

Notices went out to all property owners within the current or proposed revised Drainage District. All property owners that may be subject to an assessment were sent a copy of the notice.

Do I have to attend the Drainage Board Meeting?

You are not required to attend the Drainage Board Meeting, however, it is your right to do so. All property owners and municipalities in the current or proposed revised Drainage District can appear for or against the addition.

When do I receive my drain assessment?

Drain assessments are included on your Winter Tax bill, and are only levied when costs are incurred for the drain. Assessment amounts vary from year to year.

What is my assessment amount?

Estimated assessment amounts are available at the Day of Review of Apportionments. You will receive a separate notice for the Day of Review of Apportionments at a later date.

How can I get more information?

Visit the Bay County Drain Commissioner's website at: https://www.baycounty-mi.gov/DrainCommissioner/Meeting-Notices.aspx, Midland County's website at: https://co.midland.mi.us/, or call (989) 895-4290 (Bay) or (989) 832-6770 (Midland).